

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 21, and 22 are now present in this application, of which claims 1 and 7 are independent. By this amendment, claims 1-3 and 7 have been amended and claims 21 and 22 have added.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Examiner Interview

Applicant filed a Statement of the Substance of the Interview on August 18, 2008, regarding the telephone interview conducted by Applicant's representative on July 10, 2008. As noted in that Statement, Applicant's representative proposed additional claim amendments to the independent claims to further distinguish over the cited references. In particular, Examiner Heckert and Applicant's representative discussed amending the controlling part set forth in independent claims 1 and 7 to state that the controlling part is configured to control the motor sensing part and is configured to set a drying cycle period.

In addition, Applicant's representative argued that Kenjo discloses a dehydration step, which essentially amounts to more spinning of the laundry, and does not specifically describe a drying cycle as required by the claims. Finally, Examiner Heckert indicated that if the claims were amended as described above, and based on the arguments that the dehydration step of Kenjo does not read on the claimed drying cycle, the claims would define over Kenjo.

The claims have been amended in the manner discussed during the interview, and are believed to place the application into condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kenjo; claims 7 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kenjo in view of Large. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Complete discussions of the Examiner's rejections are set forth in the Office Action, and are not being repeated here.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a combination of elements in a device for controlling drying of laundry in a drum type washing machine having means for drying the laundry including "a controlling part configured to control the motor sensing part to detect the rotation speed of the motor during a spinning time period, and configured to set a drying cycle time period to operate the means for drying the laundry according to the detected rotation speed, wherein the controlling part detects if one of stored preset rotation speeds is the same as a maximum value of the detected rotation speed, and determines a drying time period relevant to the preset rotation speed which is the same as the maximum value of the detected rotation speed, as the drying cycle time period."

Similarly, while not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 7 has been amended to recite a combination of elements in a device for controlling drying of laundry in a drum type washing machine including "a controlling part configured to control the motor sensing part to detect the rotation speed of the motor during a spinning time period, and configured to a drying cycle time period to operate the fan and drying heater according to an amount of laundry and the detected rotation speed, wherein the controlling part compares the detected maximum value of the rotation speed to stored preset rotation speeds in an order of a maximum value thereof to a minimum value thereof, and wherein once the maximum value of the detected rotation speed is equal to or higher than a stored preset rotation speed, the controlling part determines a drying time period relevant to the corresponding preset rotation speed as the drying cycle time period."

Applicant respectfully submits that these combinations of elements as set forth in independent claims 1 and 7 are not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record, including Kenjo, as discussed more fully during the Examiner Interview discussed above.

With regard to dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 10, Applicant submits that these claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1 or 7, which are allowable for the reasons set forth above, and therefore these claims are also allowable based on their dependence from claim 1 or 7, as well as for their additionally recited subject matter. Reconsideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Claims 21 and 22

Claims 21 and 22 have been added for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant submits that claims 21 and 22 depend directly from independent claim 1 or 7, and are therefore allowable based on their dependence from claim 1 or 7, which is believed to be allowable.

In addition, claims 21 and 22 recite further limitations which are not disclosed or made obvious by the applied prior art references.

Consideration and allowance of claims 21 and 22 are respectfully requested.

Additional Cited References

Since the remaining reference cited by the Examiner has not been utilized to reject the claims, but has merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Chad D. Wells, Registration No. 50,875, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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